BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
February 21, 2007
2 College Park, BGSU


ABSENT: Betsy Clark, Park Leathers, Jane Schimpf

President Anderson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2006, MEETING
Hal Lunde moved to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Treasurer Lunde presented the financial report. As of December 31, 2006, income is $14,013.48 with expenses of $4,142.14, leaving a balance of $9,871.34. Report on file with these minutes. Treasurer Lunde also distributed a list of Life Members, now totaling 54, as of the update on February 16, 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• ACTIVITIES—President Anderson presented the report of the Activities Committee, chaired by Helen Dermer. The next activity is March 24, a show at the BGSU planetarium. Lunch at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union also is planned before the show. In May, a trip to Bryan, Ohio, is planned with tours of the Spangler Candy Co. and other sites. The June activity will be a Mud Hens game on June 27.

• BYLAWS—No report.

• MEMBERSHIP—Leathers was not able to attend the meeting, but sent a written report, which summarized membership as of January 29 and a comparison to last year. Present membership is 335. He noted that “the most positive development in recent years” has been the rise in the number of Life Members. In 2006-2007, 17 individuals upgraded to this category. Report on file with these minutes.

• NEWSLETTER—Gordon, editor, said the deadline for the May issue is April 25. He showed the color edition of the newsletter which is placed on the BGSURA web site.

• NOMINATING—Edwards reported that the Nominating Committee had met in January. The Committee’s final report will be presented in April for Board approval.

• OTHER—Stang noted that the general meeting in March will focus on legislative issues and will be with the Wood County Retired Teachers Association. Legislative areas of concern include “the way health care is taxed” and higher education costs. Edwards said that on March 1 he will interview State Senator Teresa Fedor on the Journal program on WBGU PBS.

• OFFICE STAFFING—McOmber reported that the office is completely scheduled for spring.
• OFFICE OPERATION—No report.

• PROFESSIONAL—No report.

• PROGRAM—The March 14 program is a joint meeting with the Wood County Retired Teachers Association on legislative issues. April 18 is the joint meeting with the University of Toledo retirees. The final program for 2006-2007 will be May 16 with Mary Alice Powell, retired food editor of The Blade, as speaker.

Discussion was held on the Annual Convocation. The expenses involved were reviewed by Anderson. One of the questions raised is the cost of the luncheon. No decision was reached.

• ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE—No report.

• CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE—No report.

• COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE—Bill Rock, BGSURA representative, sent two reports to President Anderson which were forwarded to Board members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

• MATCHING FUNDS FOR GOLDEN BOOK SCHOLARSHIP—President Anderson reported that so far Board members had contributed $2,975. A letter to all retirees will go out next week soliciting funds for the scholarship fund. Sexton moved to re-affirm our commitment to match $2,000 as a Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

• REVISION OF HANDBOOK—A volunteer is needed to do the revision. The Professional Committee will consider possible options.

NEW BUSINESS

• GOLDEN BOOK SCHOLARSHIP—The BGSU Development Office recommends that we do a small scholarship this year, perhaps $400 or $500. This would give visibility to the project and perhaps draw contributions. Joan Gordon moved to award $475 this year. The motion was seconded and approved. Bennett moved to award it to a student in the Academic Enhancement program this year and then work on an award category for next year. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m.

THE MEETING was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

JOAN H. GORDON, Secretary